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TARC Newsletter

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Titusville Amateur Radio Club
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Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at the Titusville Public Library 2121 S. Hopkins Ave. Next: January 24th.

"Eating Meeting" Every Thursday 5:30 to 6:30PM at a local restaurant. Talk-in 146.91 or call Sherry KU4ZO at 279-2796.

The President's Corner By Bud Hughes K4CWG

The election of and the installation of officers for the Titusville Amateur Radio Club for the New Year 2006 brings our club at least one new face. We welcome Cathy KI4GMF as our Secretary and we are delighted to have her in our midst. Becky KF4HTC has been serving the dual roll as Secretary /Treasurer of our club and has performed a wonderful job administering the two positions. By way of recommendation from Becky separate ballots were cast for the two offices. Cathy KI4GMF was elected as our new Secretary and Becky was re-elected and will continue to serve as Treasurer of our club. Ozzie N4SCY was elected to fill the office of Vice President. Jose KC4VIO was elected to and will serve on the Board of Directors. A new face will on the board this year, Gary W4RBI. Our special thanks to John KE4ZPA for his service to his club as a Board Member during the year 2005 and before

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The Orlando Hamcation is the 10th, 11th and 12th of February. As in years gone by our club has purchased 2 swap tables ($40.00 per table). The tables will be in the same building as last year.

The President's Corner Con't

Club members are welcome to place on the table any items they wish to sell. Donations to the club for sales from the table will help defray the expense (purchase price) of the swap tables.

If you plan to attend the Orlando Hamfest, Sherry KU4ZO has advance tickets to the event. The advance tickets may be purchased for $8.00 each. The price at the door will be $10.00 each. There are several of our members who will be camping the weekend of the Hamcation. Although pre-registration is not required it might expedite your entry into the campgrounds if you pre-register. The camp-fee is $22.00 per night. Limited sites with water and electricity are available on a first come basis. For registered campers there is a dump station available for your use.

Remember at the clubs swap table there will be world decisions made and if you want your input to be considered you must be there. The club table will serve as a rendezvous where you can rest your heels and temporarily store those hard to find jewels you purchased while you continue to search for other items you just cannot do without.

The annual Melbourne Hamfest is scheduled to be October 14th and 15th. Hopefully by moving the Hamfest up from September to October a hurricane will be less likely.
Our next club meeting is January 24th. Hope to see you there, bring a friend.

73's Bud K4CWG

The Vice Squad By Ozzie Osband N4SCY

Since I wasn't at the November meeting where I was elected to once again be your Vice President, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted for me. And for those of you who voted against me, I just want to congratulate you on your good sense, but the majority, I'm afraid, won out.

As Vice President, I have the responsibility to come up with the Program for our meetings. If you have any ideas on what meeting topics you'd like to see presented (or if YOU want to present something to the club), please drop me an e-mail: N4SCY@AMSAT.ORG

The topic for the January meeting will be Message Handling. It's something that every ham can do, and that each ham should know HOW to do. The speaker will be Roy Hill W6QCM, who is president of LISATS, the Launch Information Service and Amateur Television System, which most people know for operating the K4GCC Repeater on 146.940 MHz with NASA Select audio on it.

Roy will give us an overview of the National Traffic System, and how to pass messages into and out of the NTS. I hope to see you at the meeting!

73's Ozzie

PS from the Former Vice Prez

Happy New Year fellow Hams! One more Christmas Season has come and gone. It was a rejoicing one with family gatherings and celebrations, greeting cards, telephone calls and tons of e-mail from those who are so important in our lives. Santa Claus visited our home and left us many presents under the aging tree that has gone up for many years. The decorated yard illuminated the nights and a large lighted star on top of the antenna tower reminded us of the true meaning of the Season. The addition of a pair of deer brought the yard alive with the buck's constant head movements.

There was one event, however, that I will always remember with humility and sincere appreciation. The recognition of my peer radio amateurs selecting me as Ham of the Year was unexpected. I accepted this honor in the name of each and every one of you. It is you who has made TARC a success for many years. May our club continue to prosper and serve our community with your dedicated cooperation. **José, KC4VIO**

Abell's Anecdotes By Pike Abell W4EPU

Every year between Christmas and New Years Clara and I go out somewhere for supper. This year being no exception. Normally beforehand we discuss it, considering the pros and cons regarding the various eateries, the kind of food - American, Italian, Chinese, turf or sea food, etc. This year, still being somewhat in the holiday spirit, and in an effort to save her some money, I took it upon myself to surprise Clara and take her some place where the food is good yet reasonably priced. When we left home she had no idea where we were having supper out this year.

The element of surprise for her somewhat diminished when we drove into Arby's parking lot. She was pleased, knowing it would probably cost her no more than ten bucks. But the real surprise was yet to come. I was apprehensive when she ordered first, but she played right into my hands by ordering a beef n' cheddar sandwich. That was my cue to spring forth my second and bigger surprise. I produced a buy-one-get-one-free beef n' cheddar sandwich coupon. With our sandwich we each had a Jamocha milk shake. With credit for the coupon and no tip being necessary, it only cost her six bucks, tax and all. I felt quite proud of myself, going to the effort in a way to save her a considerable amount of money compared to eating at a place where she would have paid not only the full price but tax and gratuity as well..

The above is just one example of some of the nice things I do for my YL and fellow Ham during the holiday seasons.

A belated Happy New Year, **73s es 88s Pike.**

VIP Net Control Needed!

Stephanie K4MVO has asked to be relieved as Net Control for the VIP Net on Thursday morning at 10 AM on 146.91. She has done a fantastic job for several years, but now needs more time to follow her new passion - public school education. **Her latest Technician training class at the Great Outdoors looks like another winner. Way to go Steff!** We really need someone to step foward and take over the VIP Net Control duties. If you are interested, please contact Bud K4CWG at 269-2796 or Bob W4YBI at 633-5664.

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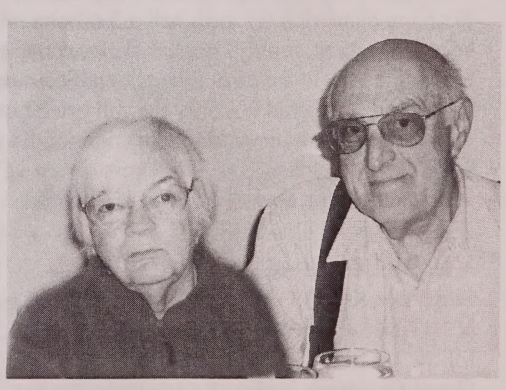
TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance 1/1/05	$2894.35
Deposits in 2005	6224.54
Total Income	$9418.89
YTD Expenditures	-5254.21
Balance as at 12/31/05	$4164.68

SUIT-SAT 1, the obsolete Soviet space suit with a two meter hand held installed, has been delayed and will not be deployed until at least February 9th. When tossed overboard from the International Space Station, it should be available on 145.99. Details at **www.amsat.org.**

Congratulations Allan KC2DPP



Allan Hobron KC2DPP has been named an **Official Emergency Station** by the **ARRL.** That means he has been certified equipped and available to handle traffic during an emergency even if it means operating HF on battery power. Allan brought considerable emergency COM experience with him from New York when he joined TARC two years ago. Now he'll have an opportunity to show his stuff. Meanwhile, his lovely bride Judy is recuperating from a broken hip. She fell and suffered the fracture before Christmas and has undergone surgery and a tough recovery. We look forward to seeing her smiling face soon at a TARC meeting.